



# State of South Carolina

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Mr. A. Stanley Meiburg  
Acting Regional Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Meiburg,

Pursuant to Section 107(d)(1) of the Clean Air Act, I have asked Robert W. King, Jr. from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) to submit to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) South Carolina's boundary recommendations for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard. We recognize that air quality has a direct impact on the public's health, environment, economy and quality of life and providing our citizens a healthy and safe environment as soon as possible is of primary concern.

South Carolina is committed to ensuring cleaner air for our citizens as has been clearly demonstrated by proactive efforts at both the state and local levels. The success demonstrated by South Carolina's Early Action Compact process, which resulted in those areas achieving the 1997 ozone standard sooner than federally required, is just one example of this commitment. In that the primary goal of the national air standards is to provide clean healthy air as expeditiously as possible, EPA should give great deference to the judgment of the states in determining what boundary is most appropriate for this to happen.

The staffs of your agency and of DHEC have an excellent working relationship, and I am certain that they will work effectively through this process during the coming months.

Sincerely,

Mark Sanford

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cc: Mr. Earl Hunter, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control  
Mr. Robert W. King, Jr., South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control